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## **Tax & Revenue Employees Begin Move into the Newly Renovated Manuel Lujan Bldg. In Santa Fe**

**SANTA FE** – About 250 employees for the State Taxation and Revenue Department have begun moving into the newly renovated Manuel Lujan Building in Santa Fe this week. The Tax Help and Customer Service Center on the first floor of the Lujan Building at the corner of St. Francis Drive and Alta Vista Street will be open for business on Tuesday.

“This building was never designed to house state employees when it was first constructed nearly 40 years ago. This much-needed renovation creates a more work-friendly environment for our employees with all modern and environmentally friendly facilities,” said Demesia Padilla, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department.

The nearly \$21 million renovation project began in October 2012 and was completed earlier this week. It features updated electrical and mechanical systems; new lighting and restrooms; new furnishings, carpet, and paint.

All new systems and fixtures installed are environmental friendly. Low water use plumbing fixtures and occupancy sensors for plumbing and lighting. Rain water from the roof will be captured for irrigation. All new finishes were selected for low or no volatile organic compounds so the interior environment is stable and safe. Office spaces and meeting rooms are constructed of lightweight furniture partitions that can be easily removed.

A new security system is also installed in the building, along with a larger waiting area and more private consultation booths at in the Tax Help and Customer Service Center.

The Lujan Building was originally designed by local architect Ted Luna and was built in 1974. It was built to house computer hardware and software for the State, but was later converted into office space for the Taxation and Revenue Department’s audit, compliance and revenue processing divisions.

The Lujan Building houses the Department’s revenue processing unit, unclaimed property bureau and customer service center. This includes the largest inbound and outbound postal processing operation in state government. Over the past 18 months these functions have been provided at the Paisano Building on the south

side while renovation was underway. All employees are expected to move back into Lujan by end of next week. The Tax Help and Customer Service Center will open Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 8 am.